

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for partitioning code space in a communication system, comprising the step of:

dividing a code space into at least two subspaces, where codes in the first subspace are assigned to at least one user at a time for a voice communication session and where all of the codes in the second subspace are assigned to one user for data communication.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein codes are dynamically assigned between the at least first and second subspaces.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein a minimum number of codes are provided to the first subspace.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein a minimum number of codes are provided to the second subspace.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein a plurality of codes are unassigned to a subspace and are available for assignment to either subspace.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for partitioning code space in a communication system, comprising the steps of:

dividing a code space into at least two subspaces, where codes in the first subspace are assigned to at least one user at a time for a voice communication session and where ~~all~~ of the codes in the second subspace are assigned to one of a plurality of users on a timeshare basis for data communication.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein codes are dynamically assigned between the at least first and second subspaces.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein a minimum number of codes are provided to the first subspace.
11. (Original) The method of claim nine, wherein a minimum number of codes are provided to the second subspace.
12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein a plurality of codes are unassigned to a subspace and are available for assignment to either subspace.
- 13-14. (Canceled)
15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein all of the codes in the second subspace are assigned to one user for data communication.

16. (New) The method of claim 8, where all of the codes in the second subspace are assigned to one of the plurality of users on a timeshare basis for data communication.